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ENP01-T326128 31 [REDACTED] R361-68 DAILY SIGINT SUMMARY FOR 26 DECEMBER 1968

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS SUMMARY IS BASED ENTIRELY ON SIGINT EXCEPT WHERE SOURCE IS OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED. PART ONE - RESUME OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. THE RADIO LINK SERVING THE CONSTRUCTION-RELATED UNIT [REDACTED] AND THE K'UNMING MILITARY REGION HQ HAS NOT BEEN INACTIVE SINCE 17 DECEMBER AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. DUE TO AN OPERATING DATA CHANGE, THIS RADIO LINK WAS NOT IDENTIFIABLE, HOWEVER, AFTER A REVIEW OF ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION, IT WAS FOUND THAT THIS CIRCUIT HAS BEEN ACTIVE SINCE 17 DECEMBER. ADDITIONALLY, AN APPARENT INCREASE IN [REDACTED] CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN NOTED ON THE RADIO GROUP CONTROLLED BY THE CONSTRUCTION-RELATED UNIT [REDACTED]. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHICH CANNOT BE DETERMINED (SEE 2/G3 [REDACTED] R95-68, 241815Z, FOLLOW-UP NR ONE TO 2/G3 [REDACTED] R94-68). IN [REDACTED] LAOS DEVELOPMENTS AN ADDITIONAL RADIO GROUP CONSISTING OF FOUR RADIO TERMINALS [REDACTED] HAS BEEN ACTIVE SINCE 04 DEC-EMBER. FOR A COMPLETE WRAP-UP OF [REDACTED] LAOS ACTIVITY SEE 2 [REDACTED] R51-68, 260540Z ON 25 DECEMBER AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF BAI THUONG-BASED MIG-21'S FLEW FROM BAI THUONG TO THE VINH AREA. THEY REMAINED AIRBORNE IN THE VINH AREA APPROXIMATELY SIX MINUTES PRIOR TO RETURNING TO BAI THUONG. ON 20 DECEMBER TWO MIG-21 PFM'S CONDUCTED FAMILIARIZATION FLIGHTS IN THE VINH AREA. (SEE [REDACTED] 2 [REDACTED] VVCA/R512-68, 251443Z) ~~(TOP SECRET SPOKE)~~ SIGINT ON 24/25 DECEMBER RELATIVE TO THE REPORTED DOWNING OF AN F-105 BY AAA HAS DISCLOSED A MESSAGE FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED REAR SERVICE ELEMENT, POSSIBLY IN LAOS, DIRECTING THA A DETERMINED EFFORT BE MADE TO CAPTURE A PILOT. ALTHOUGH ONE REPORT STATES THAT A U.S. HELICOPTER WAS DOWNED IN A RESCUE ATTEMPT, OPERATIONAL DATA DOES NOT CONFIRM THIS. THERE WAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE STATUS OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DEAD PILOTS OR A PARA-MEDIC DOWN IN LAOS WHILE ATTEMPTING THE RESCUE (SEE [REDACTED] FOLLOW UP TWO AND FINAL TO USA-32 CRITIC 12-68, 250507Z DEC 68). PART TWO-CURRENT ACTIVITY, TABLE OF CONTENT, A-11 [REDACTED]

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